



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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5th Sunday in Lent —Year A — 26th March 2023

This Week's Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14, Ps 129, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45

Next Week —Palm Sunday—Year A: Isaiah 50:-7, Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 27:11-54

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

'I Will Open Your Graves'

How we long to hear these words of Jesus when those we love become ill: "This sickness is not fatal". How we want to believe our loved ones will not leave us, and how betrayed we feel when our loving arms are not enough to hold them in life. Human life is a passing shadow. We're not called mortal for nothing.

So what are we to make of this story of Lazarus? He's not saved from death in the long run; Lazarus will surely die again. But Jesus demonstrates graphically what it means to be the Lord of life. The Son of Man has power over death. No one passes beyond the limits of his kingdom. None of us is lost to life by moving beyond its tangible boundaries. Even the dead respond to the sound of Christ's voice. The shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. The gift of Christianity is this assurance in the continuance of life, its fulfilment and transfiguration beyond mortality. Our loved ones are not lost. They are called into more and greater life.



LAZARUS RAISED:
Where is Jesus in Sickness & Death?

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"We acknowledge the Quandamooka People, Traditional Custodians of the lands, waters and seas where we stand today. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future."

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Do you want to ensure that the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish continues well in to the future?

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The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

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WEEKLY DIARY

Daily (Mon, Tues, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church
9:30am Rosary Crusade Pro Life

Monday's

8:30am Pro Life Rosary—Chapel
9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church

Tuesday's

9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church
7:00pm Prayer & Praise

Wednesday's

9:00am Mass—St Rita's Church
10:00am Art Group
4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church

Thursday's

Parish Priest Day Off (**No masses**)

Friday's

9:00am Mass & Holy Hour—
St Rita's Church

MASS TIMES

ST RITA'S CHURCH

Weekdays 9am (Except Thursday)
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)
Sunday 7am & 9am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:30pm
HEALING MASS: 2nd Wednesday of the Month 9am
MAREBELLO: 1st Wednesday of the Month 9:30am

BAY ISLAND MASS CENTRES

Coochiemudlo Island - Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall,
345 Victoria Parade,
Coochiemudlo Island
11:00am Saturday (March 4th & 18th)
Macleay Island—Church of the Holy Spirit, Scotts Road, Macleay Island
2pm Sunday Mass (March 12th & 26th)
9am Liturgy (March 19th)
Russell Island
Bay Islands Community Services
55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island
2pm (March 5th & 19th)
9am Liturgy (March 26th)

Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are **ill**, especially Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Kay Grieve, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them. We commend all the recently **deceased**.

We pray for all those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time, especially Anna Kwiatkowski and Jean Sheppard.

If you wish to have a loved one's name mentioned in the Parish Newsletter for an anniversary, a remembrance or a prayer for the sick, please contact the Parish Office. Envelopes to request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions are available at the back of the church.

Mass Cards are available from the Piety Stall.



A Notice from Fr Ladu

Brothers and sisters,

This weekend we had Tony Harris speak to us all about the building of the Monastery at Suburai in Timor Leste. We thank Tony for his time and wish him well on his travels.

To know more about Tony and Timor Leste look online here:

<https://tinyurl.com/Tonys-Timor-Travels1>

For More Information on Timor Leste Mission.
Tony Harris 0487 166 710
tony.f.h101@gmail.com

God Bless
Fr Ladu



Pope's Prayer Intention March 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Meet & Greet

On the FIRST Weekend of the Month, there will be a Meet & Greet held after the Masses.

Please bring a plate to share on

**Saturday 1st &
Sunday 2nd April 2023.**



PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall is now located in the Parish Office.

**Office Hours are Mon-Fri
9am - 2pm**

Support Your Parish

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times. Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:

BSB: 064 786

Account No: 100027374

Account Name: Parish Donation

Kindly **reference** your deposit with your **surname** and your **planned giving number/envelope** number if you have one. Please contact the parish office for further information on 3207 9177.

The total for both collections for the weekend of **19 March 2023** is **\$2 535.75**

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES – Repaired cracked window in OSHC building.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE – Reinstall security screens on OSHC building extension, install roller blinds in OSHC building extension, repair/replace damaged fence panel in church carpark, painting of presbytery gutters and eaves, removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery (roots in drains), polishing vinyl flooring in church, implement repairs to stop water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets), renewal of Termite Management system around the church building (quote obtained).

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING – Replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval), repaint inside walls of presbytery, replace/repair rusted-out gutter at chapel end of church building.



Sacramental News

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the parents who brought their children to the First Holy Communion, Rite of Enrolment Mass this weekend.

We hope the children enrolled enjoy starting on their workbooks over the school holidays and look forward to seeing you at Learn the Rosary on Thursday 20th April at 4pm in the Church.



St Rita's Bay Islands EASTER CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	6:00pm Macleay Island
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	8:00am Macleay Island
	Stations of the Cross	9:45am Russell Island
	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	3:15pm Macleay Island
Holy Saturday	The Easter Vigil	6:00pm Macleay Island
Easter Sunday	Mass	9:00am Russell Island

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

Come and experience God's presence,
as we develop our relationship with Him.
All are welcome to join our praise and worship group,
which meets at St Rita's Parish Chapel,
Tuesday nights, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
(Supper provided)



Palm Sunday 1st April - 5pm Saturday 2nd April - 7am Sunday 9am Sunday	Holy Thursday 6th April - 6pm Mass of Last Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Easter Vigil 8th April - 6pm Saturday
2nd Rite of Reconciliation 4th April - 6:30pm Tuesday	Good Friday 7th April - 9am Stations of the Cross 7th April - 3pm The Lord's Passion	Easter Sunday 9th April - 7am Sunday - 9am Sunday

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Divine Mercy Sunday will be held
at St Rita's, 37 Benfer Rd,
Victoria Point on Sunday 16th
April with 9am Mass followed by
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, Divine Mercy
Chaplet, Reconciliation and
ending with Benediction.
A Novena to Divine Mercy begins
on Good Friday 7th April for nine
days. Novena Leaflets are on the
back table of the Church.

DATE CLAIMER: TUESDAY 11 JULY

Our next trip is to Esk for
the Esk Bush Bashers on
Tuesday, 11 July.

If you love all things
Australian, you're going to
love this fun filled
bus trip.
Don't miss it.
Tickets will go on sale 17 and
18 June.
Only \$45.00 pp (Cash) for a
wonderful day.
(Lunch included.)



Fifth Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 March



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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HAVE A CHAT Club!

Ladies will get together again at the
Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Thursday 30th March
11:30am.

Our club is for ladies who like to get out of the house and
meet other ladies, have a laugh and a nice meal.

Seniors Meals available.
All Welcome.

For more information call
Elaine Pascoe
0429 925 989



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